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Crime Predicted;
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HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 89
Minimum 36
Forecast: Clear tonight and
Wednesday. Little temperature
change. Local frost at higher ele-
vations east of Cascades tonight.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1945

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City Plans For Pool Next Spring

Tojo Shoots Self, Takes Blame For War

Location To Be Up To Public

Reporter at Side to Hear "Last Words"

(Editor's Note: Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press vice-president for the Pacific, was at former premier Hideki Tojo's side immediately after he shot himself today. Here is Bartholomew's eye-witness story.)

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW

TOKYO, Sept. 11 (UP) — "I wanted to die by the sword, but the pistol had to do. I assume the responsibility for the war... banzai!"

Those probably were the last words of Gen. Hideki Tojo, the little Japanese premier who catapulted the United States into the war with his sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

He gasped them out during a momentary return to consciousness as I knelt at his side.

Gaping Wound

Only 23 minutes earlier, he had torn a gaping wound in the left side of his stomach with a revolver bullet in a suicide attempt as American military police arrived at his suburban home to arrest him as a war criminal.

Tojo was seated in an easy chair, his legs crossed. He wore a blood-spattered white sports shirt, khaki whipcord military trousers and high boots.

He spoke weakly in Japanese. It was translated for me, word by word, by T. Takamatsu of the Tokyo Mainichi staff.

"I wanted to die by the sword, but the pistol had to do," he repeated. "I assume the responsibility for the war. I now realize the war was bad for the people. I am now happy to die. Banzai!"

Then Tojo lapsed into unconsciousness again. His bald head was beaded with sweat.

Waited

Takamatsu and I had arrived at Tojo's home in the Setagaya district of the extreme western part of greater Tokyo at 4:10 p.m. See REPORTER... Page 3

Army Tells Name Of Man Who Shot Down Yamamoto

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — The army today disclosed it was Lt. Col. Thomas G. Lanphier, jr., of Washington, D. C., who in 1943 shot down and killed Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto.

Lanphier, piloting a P-38 Lightning, was able to track down Yamamoto's plane and down it in flames because naval intelligence had cracked the enemy's naval cipher.

Lanphier is now on duty here in the office of chief of personnel, army air force headquarters.

Lanphier's name in particular had been withheld because of the fact his brother, First Lt. Charles Lanphier of the marine corps, was missing in action and believed possibly in Japanese hands.

Charles Lanphier, a fighter pilot, was shot down in August, 1943. It was feared if the enemy learned his brother had killed Yamamoto in the April, 1943, encounter over Bougainville, they might exact revenge. It is still not known, however, whether the marine flier actually is in Japanese hands.

Scout Committee To Meet Wednesday

District committee of the Boy Scouts will meet at the high school at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Chairman of troop committees are also asked to attend.

WALLGREEN NOT TALKING

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 11 (UP) — Gov. Mon C. Wallgreen had "no comment" today on a report he might be a running mate for President Harry S. Truman in 1948.



TOJO—Preferred sword but pistol may finish the job.

William Corey New Counselor in Veterans Service

In line with the recently announced program of specialized counseling service in all offices of the U. S. employment service, William M. Corey, recently discharged from the army, is now employed in the La Grande office, according to Fletcher Milton, manager.

Corey will be assigned to the work of assisting veterans war workers, and young persons with no work experience. The work will consist of interviews, registrations, special calls on employers, follow-up after placement, and referral to other agencies for training.

Corey entered the service with the national guard in September, 1940. He was in Australia and New Guinea. He was returned home under the rotation plan from Biak, Dutch New Guinea, in September, 1944, reaching the states in December, 1944. He was then re-assigned to the air corps and transferred to Amarillo field until his discharge under the point system July 18.

Immediately prior to entry into military service Corey was a La Grande police officer.

He was graduated from La Grande high school in 1933, and attended Eastern Oregon college of education in 1935. He is married, and has one child, a boy, 3.

Corey was born in La Grande, and has lived here all his life. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bragg, now of Pendleton. His wife is the former Juanita Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark.

Action Urged to Combat Tuberculosis

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 11 (UP) — Alaska's Gov. Ernest Gruening declared today he planned to await the reaction of the people of the territory on a health board resolution asking a special session of the Alaska legislature to appropriate money to combat tuberculosis.

Gruening said he also wished to confer with members of the legislature before acting himself as he felt he should not vote on the resolution as health board chairman, since it was addressed to him as governor.

News of the resolution has not circulated widely yet in Alaska, but it was expected to be brought up in a meeting today of the Alaska development board.

Jack Horstman Back In U. S.; Talks to Parents by Phone

Jack Horstman, 31, who had spent nearly four years in Japanese prison camps, called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Horstman, 708 Spring street, from Oakland, Calif., and today they started by car to Oakland to meet him.

Sammon Horstman said he is feeling well, has gained weight in prison camp and had not undergone any of the hardships which were inflicted on many captives. After a routine check in at Oakland hospital, he will return home with his parents for a 60-day furlough. They will probably be back here early next week.

Point Values for Cheese End; Beef, Bourbon on Way

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — Point values on cheese will be reduced to zero at midnight tonight, the office of price administration announced today.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said this action could be taken now because the agriculture department has removed all controls on cheese.

Bowles said elimination of cheese point value will "make available a small increase in the amount of meat and butter people can buy with their red points." Heretofore Americans have been using about 2 percent of their red points for cheese, he said.

More Beef

Lower grades of beef will become ration free before Oct. 1. Pork chops and bourbon whisky are on the way back.

Swift elimination of ration controls and forecasts of bumper crops give Americans assurance the days of wartime food shortages are quickly drawing to a close.

It was also learned from agriculture department sources that lower grades of beef will become ration free before Oct. 1. That is the date on which the United Press was told all meat rationing will end.

These sources said the department is carefully watching the marketing of cattle and the end of meat rationing will depend largely on the number of cattle

shipped in the next few weeks.

Not Enough

The department of agriculture and the office of price administration have denied officially there is enough meat available now to lift rationing entirely.

However, an OPA spokesman said the meat supply is rapidly approaching the supply on hand in May, 1944, when meat points

were very low.

It was thought possible the official denial might refer specifically to pork. Pork still will be very scarce this winter.

The agriculture department predicted corn production will reach 3,069,000,000 bushels. Immediately officials promised the output of bourbon whisky soon will be resumed.

Strikes Renewed; Now 90,000 Idle By Stoppages

By United Press

A back-to-work movement of Westinghouse Electric office workers went into reverse today as white-collar employees renewed their strike.

The walkout which started yesterday, ended in the afternoon and broke out again today, threw 12,000 workers into idleness.

Despite the flareup, the number of workers idled by strikes throughout the nation declined. A United Press survey put the total at fewer than 90,000.

Another new labor dispute threatened to cut off electric power for St. Paul, Minneapolis and other communities.

A flurry of strike threats hit New York in the milk, utility and decorating industries. Members of the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison company employees voted to hold a strike vote Sept. 27 among 25,000 employees. The brotherhood is seeking recognition as bargaining agent. Nine thousand union painters and decorators voted to strike against the association of Master Painters and decorators. Two milk companies were faced with strike threats.

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Large Oil Fire Uncontrolled in Houston Outskirts

HOUSTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — One of the largest oil fires in the history of the city raged uncontrolled today at the Eastern States refinery near the outskirts.

Fire Chief Homer Lyles reported firemen are fighting desperately to keep the flames from spreading to nearby industrial and chemical plants.

Two hundred families already had been evacuated to the coliseum.

Twenty-three firemen and other persons were treated for burns and other injuries and four firemen were in serious condition.

The fire started late yesterday and for several hours was confined to a 55,000 barrel crude oil storage tank. At 1:30 a.m., two trucks loaded with 15,000 gallons of 100-octane gasoline went up in flames and the fight began to save the refinery proper, five more oil storage tanks and two tanks of high octane gas.

Many Generals Now Leaving Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — The war department announced today many general officers are leaving active duty or are being demoted to keep pace with the army's demobilization.

The announcement came as congressional criticism mounted against postwar promotion of army officers. Charges were heard that demobilization was being delayed because of the large numbers of high-ranking officers.

The war department said that since V-E day — last May 8 — 70 general officers have left active duty or have been put under orders to leave. Another 100 general officers are in the process of being reduced in grade, the war department said.

End of War Time Approved

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — The house interstate commerce committee today approved a bill to turn the nation's clock back an hour to prewar standard time.

Under terms of the measure, introduced by Rep. Lyle H. Boren, D., Okla., war time would be abolished at 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. War time — one hour later than standard time — has been in effect since early February, 1942.

Pebbles Blamed In Hose, Kept Water From Burning House

Mr. and Mrs. George Tiss received word from her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, telling of a fire at Higgins which destroyed eight buildings owned by the Clay's there.

The fire destroyed all the contents of the buildings, and among the eight was their home. All that was saved was two fur coats and Mrs. Clay's diamond rings. Included in the group, besides their home, was the post office, a restaurant, a theater building and a barber shop.

There is no fire protection in that community, and the Clays wrote they might have saved their home had not some one, presumably a child at play, filled the water hose with small pebbles. The loss was about \$30,000. They stated their intention to rebuild. Had there been a wind the whole town undoubtedly would have been razed.

DAV Discusses Living Memorial

La Grande's living war memorial was discussed last night at the third meeting of the Blue Mountain chapter No. 21 of the Disabled American Veterans.

The motion was adopted unanimously to have a veteran's building to house all veteran's organizations.

Plans were also made for the poppy sale to take place sometime this month.

William Arrivey, commander, presided over the meeting. The organization's next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Oct. 8 in the city commission rooms.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 5 9 1
Boston 0 2 0
Trout and Richards; Woods, Hausmann (7) Barrett (6) and Holm.
Chicago 2 4 0
Washington 1 6 2
Lee, Johnson (8) and Tresh, Castino (8); Niggeling and Ferrell.

Deshazer Wants to Return to Japan As Christian Missionary

SALEM, Sept. 11 (UP) — Because he sincerely believes "It must happen again to any man," Staff Sgt. Jacob D. Deshazer, 32-year-old Doolittle flier, wrote his mother today he is prepared to return to Japan as a "missionary for Christ."

Forty-one months of starvation and mistreatment in a Jap prison camp had a harrowing physical effect on the Tokyo flier. But as for his spirit, he wrote his mother, Mrs. H. M. Andrus of Salem, "It was well kept with the firm knowledge Jesus would see me through."

Quotes Jesus
Deshazer, in a "deplorable" condition after his rescue from a Jap prison camp three weeks ago, said God had spoken to him during his solitary confinement in a Jap prison.

Quoting Jesus, "Love your enemies; bless them that persecute you; do good unto them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use and persecute you," Deshazer informed his mother he would return to Japan just as soon as he could complete a four-year course at a religious college.

Deshazer has been recuperating in the Walter Reed hospital in Washington. He is scheduled to arrive by air in Portland today and drive to Salem.

To Get Rest

Here he will be reunited for the first time in three years with his mother, who never gave up hope he would be found alive.

Deshazer's friends were asked to forego for the present their long-awaited meetings with the Tokyo flier until he can regain his health. Mrs. Andrus said she had cancelled a scheduled family reunion.

She said she knew her son had always inclined toward the ministry.

"It seems now Jay has made up his mind," she declared. "In his letter," Mrs. Andrus added, "Jay wrote of no revenge. He said, in fact, there is so much to be done in Japan for the little man."

Time to Think

She said one portion of the letter impressed her very much, in which Deshazer wrote thoughtfully, "The Japs haven't had a chance spiritually."

"When Jay comes home," the flier's mother said, "the war will be taboo unless he desires to talk about it. All we'll do is give him plenty of old-fashioned American apple pie and ice cream and most of all—we'll give him time to think."

Wainwright Will Rest From Strain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who endured 39 months of Japanese captivity, was resting up today from a new ordeal — too much acclaim from a grateful nation.

America's newest idol, the man whose gallant defense of Bataan and Corregidor gave his country time to plan its comeback, expects to spend today and tomorrow resting and having an absecessed tooth treated before flying to New York for the ovation he will receive there Thursday. He received the medal of honor.

Walking with a cane, Wainwright was visibly fatigued after the four-hour public reception accorded him yesterday by hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians. Immediately after the Pentagon press conference which wound up yesterday's ceremonies he and Mrs. Wainwright left for their Shoreham hotel suite.

TO LIFT BAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (UP) — The ban on conventions will be lifted Oct. 1.



PULLS OIL COUP—Harry F. Sinclair, above, president of Sinclair Oil corp., has won from Emperor Haile Selassie an exclusive oil concession covering the entire 350,000 square miles of Ethiopia. Sinclair, in addition to paying royalties, will build schools and hospitals, clinics and research foundations in Ethiopia and finance education of Ethiopians in the U. S.

Foreign Ministers Open Meetings to Discuss Peace

LONDON, Sept. 11 (UP) — Foreign ministers of the world's five major powers met behind closed doors in London's Lancaster house today.

All correspondents were barred from the opening session, but it was expected the meeting would be brief, limited to establishing order of business. The original agenda was understood to be headed by the problem of drafting a peace treaty for Italy.

British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin was the first to arrive, followed almost immediately by U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and his American advisors.

Dr. Wang Shih-Chai, Chinese foreign minister and then French delegate Rene Massigli arrived a few minutes later, and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov put in an appearance.

Bear Kills Boy, 8, Injures Woman

SEATTLE, Sept. 11 (UP) — Running amuck after an eight-year-old Seattle schoolboy apparently tumbled against him, a half-grown 250-pound pet Russian bear, killed the boy and severely bit a woman who dragged the dying lad from the animal's clutches.

The boy, Richard Strand, died in Doctor's hospital, four hours after he was clawed and bitten by the animal. Mrs. Vera Guinn, a neighbor who risked her life in an attempt to save the child, was bitten on the back of the leg.

Firemen Help to Save New Born Baby

The life of a new-born baby was saved early today when firemen answering a first-aid call to St. Joseph's hospital applied the resuscitator to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lester, Five Points.

The baby was born at 8 a.m. by a caesarean operation and artificial life was necessary before the baby could breathe.

Both Mrs. Lester and the baby are reported to be "doing nicely." This is the Lester's second child.

That a swimming pool will definitely be built in La Grande next year was announced today by Ed Ford, city manager.

Ford said, "There has been a lot of discussion and controversy about war memorials, but regardless of whether or not it is designated as a war memorial, the city has \$27,500 with which to build a swimming pool."

"Construction will be started in the spring," he said, "as soon as materials are available. It isn't definite yet whether or not the pool will be closed, but it should be ready for use the middle of the summer. The location will be left up to the people."

Nearer School

Representatives of various groups who discussed the question Aug. 13 were agreed the pool should be established in connection with the school. Also, a closed pool, which could be used the year around was favored over an open pool which would be usable for only three months of the year at most.

Walter Parker, who said he has made a considerable study of the project, declared at the meeting the Pioneer Park site for a pool had been favored by the vote on bonds for a pool. He also said the city commission thinks the water from artesian wells near the park will need no heating for use in the pool. He asserted the Pioneer park site is nearer to the schools of the city.

Report Soon

However, Harvey Carter, chairman of the Union county Red Cross water safety program, asserted the Pioneer park site is nearer only to one school than is the proposed high school site.

Carter was authorized to appoint a committee from the group to gather data on the subject and submit it to the various governmental subdivisions or groups involved.

A report from this committee is forthcoming soon.

Illinois Court To Decide About Religion Class

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Sept. 11 (UP) — A grey-haired teacher of religion told the story of Moses and the Israelites today to a three-judge court which must decide whether religious classes can be held in public schools.

Mrs. F. A. Jorgensen, who conducts one of the classes, testified in the suit brought by a professed unbeliever, Mrs. Vahti McCollum, charging the courses are unconstitutional.

The teacher said when she used the word "God" she meant "a supreme being, something outside ourselves, something higher to which we can appeal. I tell the children they should obey God or the good which God stands for."

She explained that she only taught what the Bible said and "I do not urge my own beliefs."

Mrs. Jorgensen said she was educated as a Presbyterian but later became a member of the Christian church. She was married to a Lutheran and now does some work in the Methodist church.

Mrs. McCollum, 32, is the wife of a University of Illinois horticulturist and a woman of decided views. She charges that her 10-year-old son was ostracized because he did not participate in the weekly classes in religion.

Hess Appointment Not Yet Confirmed

Henry Hess, attorney here, has not yet received confirmation of the report he has been nominated by President Truman to be U. S. district attorney for Oregon, he said here this afternoon.

Hess said, since he made no application for the post, his sponsors, Henry Aiken, Heppner, chairman of the democrat state central committee, and Lew Wallace, national committeeman, will receive word of the nomination before he does.

The appointment must still be confirmed by the senate.